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POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES RELATING TO YOUTH

Report of the Third Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 2353rd plenary meeting on 19 September 1975, allocated to the Third Committee agenda item 72, entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth: reports of the Secretary-General".
2. In connexion with the item, the Committee had before it:
 - (a) A report of the Secretary-General, entitled "Youth, its education and its responsibilities in the world of today" (A/10143), submitted in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 3141 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973;
 - (b) A report of the Secretary-General entitled "Channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations" (A/10275), summarizing the efforts made by the Secretary-General to strengthen channels of communication during the three-year "testing period" and containing proposals for the consideration and approval of the General Assembly.

Draft resolution A/C.3/L.2190

3. In connexion with the item, Austria, Belgium, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, Guinea, Honduras, Iran, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, Rwanda and Venezuela submitted a draft resolution (A/C.3/L.2190) which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, 2447 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2497 (XXIV) of 28 October 1969, 2633 (XXV) of

11 November 1970, 2770 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971, 3022 (XXVII) and 3023 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and 3141 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

"Noting with satisfaction that, in the 10 years since the promulgation of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, substantial progress has been made in implementing its principles,

"Reaffirming the principles inscribed in the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, and the importance of their universal implementation,

"Emphasizing that efforts to educate youth in those principles must be closely related to programmes for their active involvement in all aspects of economic and social life,

"Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1923 (LVIII) in which the Secretary-General was requested to encourage the establishment of a co-operative arrangement among youth research and information centres,

"1. Requests Member States, United Nations organs concerned and the specialized agencies to give greater attention to the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration, especially when establishing their policy and programmes regarding youth;

"2. Addresses a solemn appeal to all States, as well as to international governmental and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to take appropriate actions to foster among youth respect for all peoples, irrespective of nationality, race, sex or religion; regard for human values, and devotion to the ideals of peace, freedom and progress and to the cause of human rights;

"3. Urges the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to promote international awareness of the situation and needs of youth and practical action to ensure the full participation of youth in the life of society, through the United Nations activities in the field of youth and, as appropriate, with the co-operation of the specialized agencies concerned;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the measures that have been taken to implement the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, with recommendations on how that process may be strengthened;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the establishment of a co-operative arrangement among youth research and information centres to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council."

4. The above-mentioned draft resolution due to lack of time could not be considered by the Committee. At the 2181st meeting, on 5 December 1975, on the proposal of the representative of the United Arab Emirates, the Committee decided that the item be included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly to be considered with appropriate priority.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

5. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

The General Assembly decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session the item entitled: "Policies and programmes relating to youth" and to consider it with appropriate priority.
